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4. Reference 1 (RE 37,261) was cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/603,973, filed June 26, 2000, of which the present application is a reissue. Thus, copies of this references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

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	2	Japan Patent 3277641	4/22/2000	JAPAN		
	3	Japan Published App. H11-218096	8/10/1999	JAPAN		
	4	Japan Published App. S62-158198	10/7/1987	JAPAN		
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	5	September 17, 2002 Japanese Patent Office Action from Japan Patent Application No. 11-329598 (with English-language translation)				
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